

a second lever including a second grip portion opposed to said first grip portion, a second plate portion equipped with an electric heater and opposed to said portion of said first lever, and a second fulcrum portion pivotally supported by said first fulcrum portion of said first lever,

wherein at least one of said first plate portion or said second plate portion has ridges along substantially a full length of three sides of the corresponding plate portion[.],

wherein said first fulcrum portion and said second fulcrum are located between a respective grip and plate portion, and

wherein said first lever is provided in two separate parts divided by a median plane, the two separate parts then are assembled and integrally connected after pivotally sandwiching said second fulcrum portion between bilateral halves of said first fulcrum portion of said first lever.

7 11. (Amended) A hair styling iron comprising:

a first lever including a first grip portion, a first plate portion equipped with an electric heater, and a first fulcrum portion, and

a second lever including a second grip portion opposed to said first grip portion, a second plate portion equipped with an electric heater and opposed to said portion of said

first lever, and a second fulcrum portion pivotally supported by said first fulcrum portion of said first lever,

wherein at least one of said first plate portion or said second plate portion has been subjected to a flocking treatment from a perimeter to an outside surface thereof[.],

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wherein a spring is interposed between said first lever and said second lever, said spring biasing said first plate portion and said second plate portion in a direction away from each other, and

wherein said first fulcrum portion and said second fulcrum are located between a respective grip and plate portion.

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15. (Amended) The hair styling iron of claim 10,  
[wherein] a pilot lamp, [when on, blinks] the pilot lamp  
having means to blink the lamp on and off at predetermined intervals while said electric heater is energized.

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20. (Amended) The hair styling iron of claim [19] 11,  
wherein said first lever is provided in two separate parts divided by a median plane, [along the both sides, which] the two separate parts then [are] being assembled and integrally connected after pivotally sandwiching said second fulcrum portion between the bilateral halves of said first fulcrum portion of said first lever.